GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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MINERAL PRODUCING DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of the top 50 mineral producing district, 34 fell under the 150 most backward districts list of the Government;

(b) if so, whether centre for science and environment has made any study and released a report in this regard as reported in the Hindu dated December 22, 2007;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the wealth from mining does not go back to the mining areas of the country;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government for the development of such mineral rich backward districts of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): Most of mineral bearing areas are located in backward regions of the country.

(b)&(c):The report released by centre for science and environment on this issue is not available in the Ministry.

(d) to (f): State Governments are the owners of the mineral wealth located in their State. Royalty on minerals extracted from any State is collected by respective State Government and utilised as per their budget. Many companies engaged in mining ventures have undertaken social and developmental initiatives for the areas adjoining their mining operations. Apart from this the Government has also enunciated National Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy to address the concerns of project affected persons. All mining projects are permitted only after statutory Environmental and Forest clearances, which includes compensatory forestation and deposit of Net Present Value(NPV) of the land with the concerned authorities.